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Good morning. I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Microsoft settlement. My primary concern is that the remedy proposed does nothing to actually penalize Microsoft for past monopolistic behavior, and does little to prevent the same kinds of abuses from occurring in the future.

For a company that has over \$35 billion dollars in cash, a "donation" of Microsoft licenses and obsolesced hardware in the amount of \$1 billion is hardly a drop in the bucket. Microsoft knows that by utilizing this settlement, they can extend their monopoly into one of the few remaining areas over which they have no monopoly power... the secondary education system. This is a gross abuse of the proposed settlement as it only allows Microsoft to continue their previous monopolistic behaviors, albeit with a court sanction.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my comments. I urge the court to reject the proposed settlement, as it will not discourage future monopolistic behavior.

Regards,

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